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From: George S. Bardmesser

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*Art Unit 2188*

*Attn: Mail Stop Amendment*

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No.: 10/624,858; Filed: July 22, 2003  
For: **System and Method for Using File System Snapshots for Online Data  
Backup**  
Inventors: Belousov *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2230.0340000

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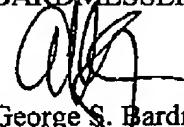
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Application Number	10/624,858
Filing Date	July 22, 2003
First Named Inventor	Serguei Belousov
Examiner Name	Duc T. Doan
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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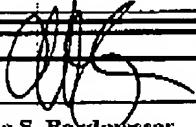
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Art Unit: 2188

Appl. No.: 10/624,858

Examiner: Duc T. Doan

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Atty. Docket: 2230.0340000

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